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### **CITY LIBRARY HOSTS CELEBRATED NATIVE AMERICAN LESBIAN WRITERS CHRYSTOS AND JANICE GOULD**

**SAN DIEGO, CA** – The San Diego Multicultural LGBT Literary Foundation and the San Diego Public Library will present *A Regathering of Spirit: Native Lesbian Writers* legendary Native American writers and activists, **Chrystos** and **Janice Gould** on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego. *Regathering of Spirit* is part of the LGBT Literary Foundation's ReadOut program, which brings authors to San Diego. The event will feature a resource and book fair, readings and performances by the authors, and a book signing afterward.

Chrystos is an internationally-recognized poet and activist of Menominee descent who contributed to the iconic book *This Bridge Called My Back* and was the keynote speaker at the 2011 Creating Change Conference, one of the largest LGBT conferences in the country. She will read and perform selections from her full body of work, including rare and out of print titles, many of which will be available for purchase and signing after the reading.

Koyoonk'auwi poet Janice Gould was just named the Poet Laureate of the Pikes Peak region. Gould has received awards for her writing from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Astraea Foundation, and she has contributed greatly to the growing academic field of Native American Studies.

The San Diego Multicultural LGBT Literary Foundation is a nonprofit whose mission is to preserve, promote, and teach works by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender artists of color and whose vision is to nurture cultural awareness, anti-racism, and historical literacy in San Diego's various communities. The organization holds various literary festivals and events throughout the year. The Foundation is the nation's only non-profit to focus exclusively on literature and art by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of color. For more information, please visit them at [www.sdliteraryfoundation.org](http://www.sdliteraryfoundation.org).

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*One Book, One San Diego* is an eight-year-old partnership between KPBS, San Diego Public Library, and San Diego County Library designed to bring the community together through a shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. *One Book* is made possible by the Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, Lloyd Pest Control, the Cubic Corporation, the Henry Fox Foundation, and the San Diego Public Library Foundation. Still more *One Book* events are scheduled at various city and county libraries.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.gov](http://www.sandiegolibrary.gov).

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